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## Overview rev 8/3/19

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue (POMDR) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in October 2009. Our mission is to be a resource and advocate for senior dogs and senior people on California's Central Coast. We find loving homes for dogs whose guardians can no longer care for them and for senior dogs in shelters. We have a lifetime commitment to all the dogs that come into our care. They will either live out their lives in one of our foster homes or will be adopted into a wonderful, permanent home.

POMDR has five paid staff people (Executive Director, Operations Manager, Adoptions Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and Helping Paw Coordinator) and an active board of directors who are all committed to making a difference in the lives of dogs and people.

Our vision is to be a model for lifetime care of dogs and all companion animals to help bring about a positive change in the way society thinks about and treats senior dogs, and to create better lives for them through rescue, foster, adoption, hospice and education.

## **Programs**

**Rescue and Adoption:** We take in senior dogs that have been left in animal shelters, as well as dogs from the general public whose senior guardians can no longer care for them. All potential adopters are screened to ensure that the dog and her new family are a good match.

Source of dogs: Our geographic priority is taking in dogs from shelters and guardians in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties. We take in dogs in need from the general public on a case by case basis with priority given to

dogs who's guardians have passed away or have gone into hospice or a nursing facility.

Housing the dogs: All of our dogs are housed in foster homes where they are treated like family until adoption.

Short biographies and photographs of animals available for adoption are placed on our web site (<a href="www.PeaceofMindDogRescue.org">www.PeaceofMindDogRescue.org</a>) as well as several national websites. We run adoptable dog ads in several local papers. We also hold adoption events throughout the community for people to come meet some of our dogs available for adoption.

Adoption Procedure: All Potential adopters fill out a questionnaire and are interviewed to be sure it is a good match. All adopters must agree to a home visit before finalizing an adoption. We charge an adoption fee of \$100 to \$300 depending upon the age and health of the dog.

All dogs are altered, vaccinated, and microchipped before adoption. Senior dogs have a senior blood panel evaluation, thorough senior exam, and a dental cleaning if necessary.

**Perpetual Care:** Through advanced planning, our Perpetual Care Program ensures that dog guardians who enroll their dog in the POMDR Perpetual Care program will have peace of mind that their dog will be cared for in the event that they are no longer able to care for him in the future. Dogs enrolled in our Perpetual Care program will be guaranteed a loving home for the rest of their lives.

**Helping Paw Program:** The Helping Paw Program provides assistance to seniors and hospice patients so they can keep their pets in their homes. Assistance includes transportation to vet visits, financial assistance for veterinary expenses, and temporary care during hospital stays.